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1. SUMMARY. FRONT-PAGE FEBRUARY 10 SCINTEIA ARTICLE
ON CADRE SELECTION AND TRAINING EMPHASIZES NEED TO
BALANCE STABILITY WITH DYNAMIC NON-STATIC APPROACH
TO CADRE ROTATION AND IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO HIGH-LEVEL
PARTY AND STATE CHANGES OF JANUARY 25. LOWER AND
MEDIUM LEVEL CHANGES CONTINUE AND EVEN MORE ARE RUMORED
IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE MOST MASSIVE PERSONNEL SHUFFLE
(NOT PURGE) YET INDULGED IN BY CEAUSESCU. FIRST
SUCH PUBLIC DEFENSE OF CADRE POLICY PLUS EXTENT,
SUDDENNESS AND APPARENT ARBITRARY NATURE OF MANY
CHANGES LEAVES IMPRESSION THAT NOT ALL ARE
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SATISFIED IN THEIR NEW POSITIONS. WE SEE NO
INDICATION OF ANY OVERT OPPOSITION TO CHANGES.
END SUMMARY.

2. CADRE POLICY. SCINTEIA ARTICLE CALLS FOR
"RIGHT MAN IN RIGHT PLACE" AND PROMOTION OF MORE
PARTY ACTIVISTS INTO LEADERSHIP POSITIONS; NOTES

NEED FOR CREATION OF CADRE "FUND" COMPOSED OF ACTIVISTS WITH "RICH EXPERIENCE" AND EXPLAINS NECESSITY THAT "PRINCIPLE OF STABILITY" BE COMBINED WITH "PERMANENTLY DYNAMIC APPROACH" TO CADRE PROBLEMS. IT CITES NEED FOR CONTINUAL "REFRESHING" OF LEADING PARTY, STATE AND ECONOMIC CADRE, THEIR BETTER DISTRIBUTION THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND IN DIFFERENT AREAS OF ACTIVITY, AND "PERMANENT TRANSFER" BETWEEN LOCAL AND CENTRAL ORGANS, PARTY AND STATE AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TASKS, AS SURE ANTIDOTE TO STAGNATION AND BUREAUCRATISM.

3. RECALLING QUIXOTIC YOUTH VS. AGE DEBATE AT 11TH PARTY CONGRESS, ARTICLE URGES PROMOTION OF YOUNGER CADRE IN ORDER ACHIEVE BETTER BLEND OF EXPERIENCE AND YOUTHFUL ENTHUSIASM. PROMOTION OF MORE WOMEN ALSO CALLED FOR (IN SPITE OF FACT THAT ELENA CEAUSESCU IS ONLY PRIMINENT WOMAN TO HAVE SO FAR BEEN ADVANCED). ARTICLE ALSO WARNS AGAINST INTERPRETING CHANGES AS SIGN OF FAILURE OF DEFICIENCY. ECHOING CEAUSESCU-FOR-LIFE EPISODE AT LAST PARTY CONGRESS IT NOTES THAT "LIFELONG" FUNCTIONS NOT CONVEIVABLE HERE. ARTICLE ALSO ATTACKS CADRE WHO HAVE NEGLECTED THEIR POLITICAL AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND "STAGNATE". CADRE ARE URGED TO FOLLOW "BRILLANT" EXAMPLE OF CEAUSESCU AND MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH WORKING MAN. ALSO PERIODIC RETURN TO PRACTICAL WORK, "EVEN CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR BEST CADRE" IS CITED AS HELPFUL AND NATURAL. FINALLY, ARTICLE CALLS FOR /REVOLUTIONARY INTRANSIGENCE" AGAINST ANY MANIFESTATION AGAINST PARTY PRINCIPLES AND LINKS JANUARY 25 CHANGES DIRECTLY TO CITED PRINCIPLES.

3. MORE CHANGES. FURTHER CHANGES HAVE BEEN OCCURING AT ALL LEVELS AND IN MANY FIELDS, E.G., FORMER ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF ION GHEORGHE HAS BEEN REPLACED AS BUCHAREST DEPUTY MAYOR BY CONSTANTIN DUMITRESCU, COMING FROM HUNEDOARA JUDET. ALSO ION JINGA, FORMERLY VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF SOCIALIST CULTURE AND EDUCATION IS DROPPED TO BUCHAREST CITY CULTURAL POSITION. PROVINCIAL PAPERS SO FAR INDICATE THAT PARTY SECRETARIES OR STATE VICE PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPLACED IN ARAB, CONSTANTA, DOLJ. IASI, MAREMURES AND TIMIS JUDETS, WITH MANY GOING INTO CC APARAT (COMPLETE LIST OF CHANGES WILL BE SENT AS SOON

AS AVAILABLE). SIMILAR SHIFTS ARE APPARENTLY OCCURRING IN VILLAGE AND CITY PARTY AND STATE POSITIONS. AMONG MORE PERSISTENT RUMORED IMPENDING CHANGES ARE FONMIN MACOVESCU TO BE ELECTED HEAD OF WRITERS UNION AND REPLACED BY EITHER PARTY SECRETARY ANDREI OR PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR PUNGAN; PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR MITEA TO BECOME NEW SCINTEIA CHIEF EDITOR WITH ION CUMPANASU, FORMER HEAD OF THE PRESS AND PRINTING COMMITTEE, GETTING AGERPRES SLOT. A SHAKEUP AT ROMANIAN RADIO AND TV HAS ALSO TAKEN PLACE AND OTHER POSITIONS LONG VACANT ARE NOT TO BE FILLED.

4. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH NOT A TOTALLY RELIABLE SOURCE, SOVIETS HERE ARE PEDALLING A DETAILED SCENARIO DEPICTING CEAUSESCU READING HAND-SCRIBBLED CONFIDENTIAL

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LIST OF CHANGES TO A STARTLED POLEXCO. WHILE CHANGES WERE SUDDEN AND SEEM TO REFLECT NO DISCERNABLE PATTERN OTHER THAN DESIRE FOR CHANGE PER SE, WE HAVE SOME INDICATIONS THAT AT LEAST INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED WERE NOTIFIED SEVERAL DAYS IN ADVANCE OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, IN HIS LATEST ROUND OF CADRE ROTATION, CEAUSESCU HAS TOUCHED THE LIVES OF MANY PEOPLE, BOTH HIGH AND LOW, AND NOT ALL ARE LIKELY TO BE PLEASED. IT DOES NOT FOLLOW, HOWEVER, THAT OVERT DISSATISFACTION WILL SURFACE. THIS SOCIETY DOESN'T FUNCTION THAT WAY. RESENTMENT RATHER THAN REACTION IS LIKELY TO BE THE RULE. BARNES

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